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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to emphasize how critical it is to have access to affordable, high speed broadband at home, for businesses and at schools. Living in Silicon Valley, THE tech hub of the world, it's embarrassing to say how long it took for fiber to become available in San Francisco. This was driven by the lack of competition in internet and telephone services until recently. With the monopoly that existed before providers such as Sonic arrived, SF residents were subject to very poor service and speeds at very high prices with no other option. As a long time SF resident (over 10 years) I support broadband competition and will continue to choose a competitive provider.

Regards,

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